

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-606-C - ORDER NO. 1999-109  
FEBRUARY 10, 1999

IN RE: Application of Startec Global Communications ) ORDER  
Corporation and Startec Global Licensing ) APPROVING  
Company for Authority to Reorganize and for ) APPLICATION  
Related Transactions. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Startec Global Communications Corp. (SGCC) and Startec Global Licensing Company (SGLC)(collectively, the companies) for authority to transfer SGCC's intrastate customer base and authority to provide resale interexchange service in South Carolina to SGLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of SGCC.

The Commission's Executive Director ordered the companies to publish a Notice of Filing, one time, in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The purpose of the Notice was to allow public participation in the proceeding. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Subsequently, the companies filed a Motion for Expedited Review, and a waiver of the hearing, since no intervention had occurred. The companies filed the verified testimony of Prabhav Maniyar, the Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Secretary of SGCC.


We grant the Motion for Expedited Review. However, we note that S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1998) requires that a "due hearing" occur before approval

of any transaction such as that described here. We hold that the weekly Commission meeting on February 2, 1999 constitutes the due hearing in the present case, since this public meeting was where this matter came up for discussion, and verified written testimony was available.


The testimony of Prabhav Maniyar supports the Application. The companies may transfer the customer base and authority as described in the Application. We think this is reasonable, since the transaction will be seamless to the customers, since both companies are Startec companies.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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